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Judge Futey was nominated Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims on January 30, 1987, and entered on duty May 27, 1987. He graduated from Western Reserve University receiving a B.A. in 1962 and an M.A. in 1964; he received a J.D. degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School in 1968.

Judge Futey formerly served as Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States from May 1984 to his appointment to the Federal bench. Previously he was partner in the law firm of Bazarko, Futey and Oryshkewych, 1975 - 1984; Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Cleveland, 1974-75; Chief Assistant Police Prosecutor, City of Cleveland, 1972-74; and a partner in the law firm of Futey & Rakowsky, 1968 - 1972.

Judge Futey is married to the former Myra Fur and has three children. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association and the Ukrainian American Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the State of Ohio, the U.S. District Court of Northern Ohio, and the District of Columbia.

Judge Futey is actively involved with Democratization and Rule of Law programs organized by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Department of State, and the American Bar Association in Ukraine and Russia. He has participated in judicial exchange programs, seminars, and workshops and has been a consultant to the working group on Ukraine's Constitution and Ukrainian Parliament.

Judge Futey is an advisor to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). IFES is based in Washington, D.C., and works in 75 countries world-wide to promote the democratic election process through technical assistance, legal reform, and voter education. He also served as an official observer during the Parliamentary elections in 1994 and 1998, and Presidential elections in 1994, and conducted briefings on Ukraine's Election Law and guidelines for international observers.

Judge Futey has lectured on Constitutional Law at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and Passau University, Germany; also at Kyiv State University and Lviv University in Ukraine.

Articles published: Ukraine's Legal Revolution, The Wall Street Journal, Feb. 11, 1992; The Transition from a Command System to the Rule of Law, United States Claims Court Bar Association Newsletter, Apr. 1992, Vol. I, No. 4; Ukraine's Draft Constitution Meets Political Reality, East European Constitutional Review, University of Chicago Law School, Winter 1993, Vol. 2, No. 1; The Proposed Constitution of Ukraine, A Legal Perspective, Demokratizatsiya, Vol. II, No. 4, Fall, 1994; Draft Constitution Fails to Establish Strong Judiciary, Economic Review, Feb. 12, 1996; Constitutional Referendum Predicted, Economic Review, Jun. 24, 1996; Comments on the Constitution of Ukraine, East European Constitutional Review, University of Chicago Law School, Spring & Summer 1996, Vol. 5, Nos. 2 & 3; reprinted, Parker Sch. J.E. Eur. L., Columbia University, 1996, Vol. 3, No. 3; Comments on the Law on the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, The Harriman Review, Spring 1997, Vol. 10, No. 1; Upholding the Rule of Law in Ukraine: The Judiciary in Transition, in Towards a New Ukraine II Meeting the Next Century, Proceedings of a Conference held on October 2-3, 1998 at the University of Ottawa 59 (Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa 1999).

Honors and Awards: Man of the Year (Achievement Award), Ukrainian Institute of America, Inc., 1987; Doctoris Juris Honoris Causae, Ukrainian Free University, Munich, Germany, 1990; Freedom Award, American Nationalities Movement of Ohio, 1990; Ukraine's Presidential Award (Distinguished Medal), 1995. Honorary Doctor's Degree, Precarpathian University, Ivan-Frankivsk; Ukraine President's Award for Merit, 1999.